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## Afghan elections are ongoing

### U.S. general details security for voters

**Jim Garamone**  
*American Forces Press Service*

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — The Afghan and coalition effort to hold elections Sept. 18 is ongoing, and the process will extend until the National Assembly is seated in December or January, the head of

Combined Forces Command Afghanistan said Aug. 19.

Army Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry spoke with reporters traveling with Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gen. Myers is in the midst of a 10-day trip that has taken him and a USO troupe to Germany, Kosovo, Kuwait and Iraq before stopping at Kandahar and at the main air base in Afghanistan in Bagram.

Lt. Gen. Eikenberry said he is “very comfortable” with what has

already been done and with what has been planned for the September elections. He said the process is based on the successes seen in the October 2004 presidential election.

“The basic concept is pretty simple,” he said. There will be thousands of polling places set up around the country. Six Afghan police will be stationed inside the polling stations to maintain order and provide close-in security.

Officials will place a ring of Afghan police or soldiers from the

Afghan National Army around the polling stations. Supporting them will be quick-reaction forces from the Army or police.

Still farther outside will be coalition forces or members of NATO's International Security Assistance Force. There are about 8,500 soldiers in ISAF and about 21,000 service members in the coalition force — most of them American.

The Afghan government has about 25,000 soldiers in the Afghan National Army and about 50,000

Afghan National Police, Lt Gen. Eikenberry said. “We’re the final ring of quick-reaction forces,” he said. “The closer you get in to the polling site itself, the more it is an Afghan-led and Afghan-conducted operation.”

The Afghan government developed the security plan with assistance from staff at Eikenberry's headquarters.

Last October, an overwhelming

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Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson  
Supermodel and sports reporter, Leeann Tweeden, thanks Marines and Sailors at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, during a United Services Organizations tour, Monday. Tweeden said one reason the tour is so important to her is because her father was in the

## USO tour gives thanks to Marines

**Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

A group of celebrities traveling with a United Services Organizations tour visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Monday, to give thanks to the Marines and Sailors for their service to their country. This tour group made a stop in Hawaii after visiting service members in Iraq, Germany, Kosovo, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other places across the globe where troops are stationed.

“I understand the value of being part of one team,” said Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. “All of you Marines are role models for people in other countries. It’s not just what you all do, it’s how you do it.”

The USO, a nonprofit organization, has been in existence since before World War II. It is not a part of the U.S. government, but is supported by the President of the United States and Department of Defense.

The USO currently operates 122 centers around the world, including six mobile canteens, with 73 located in the continental United States and 49 overseas.

“I’ve been on seven USO tours, and I’ll keep going on them as long as they need me,” said Leeann Tweeden, supermodel and sports reporter. “I mean out of all the people I’ve met and performed for, military members are by far the best crowd — and that keeps me coming back.”

Tweeden said one thing that pushes her to do the tours is the fact that her father was in the Air Force and she thinks military members do so much for the country, so going on tour with the USO is the least she can do for them. Comedian Colin Quinn echoed her feelings.

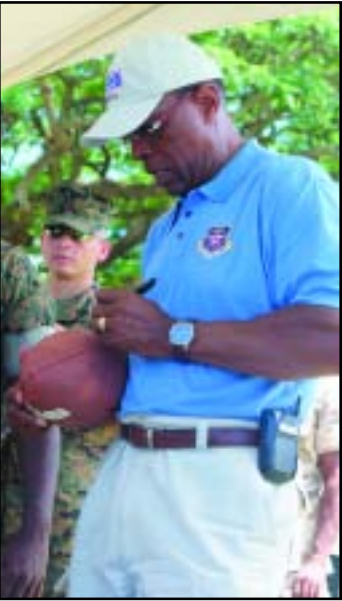
“This is my fifth or sixth tour with the USO,” said Quinn. “I feel like with all you all do for us, this is something I can give back to you. Doing this for the military members gives me a humble feeling, probably not the extent that people fighting in Iraq feel, but I know I’m not just thinking about myself.”

Quinn said he plans on doing the tours as long as the USO will allow him, and as long as entertainment is needed.

“I’ve been to a lot of places on the tour — Germany, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and a lot of other interesting places,” said the former “Saturday Night Live” cast member. “It’s great to see what really is being done when you get out of your comfort zone.”

Gale Sayers, retired NFL Chicago Bears halfback, said that seeing young men and women keeping America safe is one of the most unbelievable sights that he has ever seen.

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Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson  
Retired NFL player Gale Sayers, signs autographs at the United Services Organizations tour aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Monday.

## Super Stallion



Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan C. McGinley  
A U.S. Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, drops more than 2,000 gallons of sea water on a brushfire in Nanakuli. The Department of Defense sent eight helicopters and the Federal Fire Department sent nine fire engines to aid the Honolulu Fire Department in extinguishing the blaze, which consumed more than 3,000 acres of Leeward Oahu.

## Base gets Sea Stallion simulator

**Pfc. Edward C. deBree**  
*Combat Correspondent*

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 18 on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to unveil the new CH-53D flight simulator, which will provide pilots with familiarization training with the helicopter.

Pilots will now be training with the new simulator, which is equipped with the same controls as an actual CH-53D Sea Stallion. It also includes various maps that the pilots will use to simulate actual flight environments. Pilots can choose programs to simulate flying through places such as Hawaii; Okinawa and Iwakuni, Japan; and Israel.

The program also features hundreds of casualty simulators such as high, low or flux oil pressure; fire; and various other casualties that could go wrong during flight. When one of these casualties happens, a series of warning lights will go on and the pilots will have to determine how to deal with the problem.

“We trained Israelis last year with this program, and it was very effective,” said Jim L. Massey, site manager for Lockheed Martin, the company that maintains the simulator. “The program is as realistic as if it were the real thing.”

The simulator has been under development since January and cost \$4.2 million to build, said Ed Green, contracting officer representative, MCB Hawaii.

The system is expected to be upgraded next month to allow pilots to simulate flying around in more hostile environments. The flight scenarios will take pilots under

fire and will give them the ability to fire and launch flares using the Tactical Environmental Network, said Massey.

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Pfc. Edward C. deBree  
The new CH-53D flight simulator is used for familiarization training for helicopter pilots. Although the Marine Corps has a newer model, the CH-53E, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is the only Marine base that still services the CH-53D Sea Stallion.

## Dental Corps celebrates 93 years

**Navy Lt. Thu N. Luu**  
*United States Navy Reserve*

The 21st Dental Company aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, celebrated the Navy Dental Corps 93rd year, Monday.

To say 93 years may be misleading, since dentists began practicing in the Navy in April of 1873 when Dr. Thomas O. Walton served as the first acting assistant surgeon at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. However, it wasn’t until August 22, 1912, that President Taft formally authorized the Secretary of the Navy to appoint no more than 30 acting assistant dental surgeons to the U.S. Navy Medical Department. As the relationship of dental readiness and combat readiness became apparent, Dental Corps end strength was soon set at one dental officer for every 1,000 who served in the Navy and Marine Corps.

At the beginning of World War I, there were 35 dental officers, but because of the increased need for dental services aboard ships and at overseas bases, the number grew to 500 by the end of the war.

In the 1920s, Navy Dentistry began focusing heavily on prevention of disease, as opposed to simply treating disease. This was a unique medical model at the time and became a hallmark for the practice of dentistry throughout the United States. It remains a quality that distinguishes the Navy Dental Corps today, as evidenced by aggressive recall programs and focus on young Marines and Sailors.

The Naval Dental School opened in Bethesda, Md., in 1923. Over the ensuing 80 years, it matured to a premier post-graduate school, which is considered to have one of the top dental training programs in the

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NEWS BRIEFS

Manana Housing Traffic Slow-Down During August 2005

Traffic on Acacia Road, in and out of the Manana Housing Area in Pearl City, will be reduced to one lane until Wednesday, due to construction work near the Manana Housing Area gate. Residents should expect traffic delays through this area during morning and evening peak traffic hours.

Increased Training and Aircraft Activities

Marine Corps Air Facility will conduct 24-hour flight operations to support Exercise Silent Fury, from Friday to Aug. 30, and again from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 in support of Patrol Squadron 47's Operational Readiness Evaluation. Local residents should expect increased and after-hours aircraft activity during these periods.

End of World War II to be Commemorated

On the 60th anniversary of the formal end of World War II, veterans will commemorate the historic date in Pearl Harbor, where America was drawn into the war, on the very same vessel where it ended — the Battleship Missouri.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association will host "The End of World War II," a ceremony in honor of all World War II veterans and celebrating the day peace was restored to the world.

The event will be held on Friday, beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Space is limited, and a preference will be made for veterans.

Hawaii Military COLA Survey

All military, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration uniform service personnel stationed in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete a military Cost of Living Allowance survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command until the end of September 2005.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense requires Headquarters Pacific Command to conduct the survey once every three years to adjust COLA rates for Hawaii uniform service personnel. Service members will have the opportunity to complete the survey over the Internet. Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination process. The Living Pattern survey is available online through September at [www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii](http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii).

Point of contact at HQ USPACOM is Eddie Fowler at 477-1396 or e-mail [eddie.fowler@pacom.mil](mailto:eddie.fowler@pacom.mil).

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Survey important for aid to Hawaii schools

Press Release

Federal Impact Aid For Hawaii Public Schools

On Sept.7, Hawaii's public school students will bring home a federal census survey card to be filled out by parents and returned to school the following day. It is extremely important to complete the federal survey cards and return them promptly to your child's school. The data collected from these forms to be turned in to the Federal Department of Education, determines the funding received by the Hawaii DOE.

Impact Aid is the Department of Education program that provides payments for a portion of the educational costs of federally connected students. It is intended to replace the tax revenues lost to a community by the double impact of having nontaxable federal property.



Why fill out the card?

1. Federal Impact Aid is a partial reimbursement to the school district for educating federally connected students attending public schools.
2. Families of federally connected students pay less in taxes to the school district than local residents; taxes that fund education.
3. Federal Impact Aid funds pay for teacher salaries and school programs, materials, equipment and supplies.
4. Every card not returned means funds lost to Hawaii classrooms, statewide.

5. Hawaii has the highest number of military dependent children per capita in the nation (greatest impact on local schools).

Additional local impact of federal funds

Joint Venture Education Forum: Federal Survey Card results are the only official, current method to determine the military dependent population in a school.

Aside from determining the amount of Impact Aid a school district will receive, military dependent population statistics also determine school eligibility for Joint Venture Education Forum funds, in particular textbook, technology, and repair and maintenance funds.

The larger the military dependent population, the higher the school ranking on the fund eligibility list. These funds will go directly to the students' schools.

For more information about Joint Venture Education Forum funding visit [www.pacom.mil/jvef/funding.shtml](http://www.pacom.mil/jvef/funding.shtml).

Band of brothers



Petty Officer 3rd Class Victoria A. Tullock

A joint-service color guard leads the Army band during the 87th annual National Convention Parade held in Waikiki, Sunday. An estimated 15,000 American Legion members and their families from all over the world were in attendance. This marks the first parade since the Veterans Association last met in Hawaii, 22 years ago.

Navy Reserve



Pfc. Edward C. deBree

Vice Adm. John G. Cotton, chief of Naval Reserve; commander, Naval Reserve Force, talks with Navy reservists during a visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Aug. 18.

U.S. troops fight for American ideas, ideals

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

**HONOLULU** — Like the patriots of the Revolutionary War, Americans must realize that the ideas and ... ideals in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution are just words on paper unless men and women are willing to risk their lives to preserve them and to fight for them, the nation's highest ranking military leader said here Aug. 23.

Speaking at the National Convention of the American Legion, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that Americans must hold on to their resolve to win the war against terror.

Gen. Myers, who received the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, was in the midst of a 10-day trip to visit with troops around the world. He and a United Service Organizations troupe of entertainers met soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines at two shows, Monday, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii,

Kaneohe Bay, and the Army's Schofield Barracks, home of the 25th Infantry Division.

Gen. Myers and sports personality and supermodel Leeann Tweeden, NFL Hall of Fame member Gale Sayers, and comedians Jeffrey Ross and Colin Quinn have already visited Germany, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, the Navy's aircraft carrier USS Nimitz in the Persian Gulf, Korea and Japan.

The general told of a presentation he and his staff received from historian David McCullough following publication of his novel, "1776."

Gen. Myers said 1776 was a crucial year to freedom. Making a country that can live up to the Declaration of Independence is tough, he said, noting that George Washington was a powerful leader partly because he understood what was at stake. "He told his men that they weren't fighting for glory and they weren't fighting for territory, but

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Weekend weather outlook

Today



**Day** — Mostly sunny with isolated showers in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon; northeasterly winds, around 10 mph; 20 percent chance of rain

**Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear; light winds

High — 85 Low — 75

Saturday



**Day** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy; easterly winds, around 10 mph

**Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear; light winds

High — 84 Low — 74

Sunday



**Day** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy; easterly winds, around 10 mph

**Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, around 10 mph; 50 percent chance of rain

High — 84 Low — 74



# Settling the dust

Two CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters touchdown to unload three platoons of Marines from Alpha Company, 1/3 during a raid training exercise at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Aug. 18.



Marines from 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, set up a stack in order to move further down the hall towards role-playing insurgent fighters, Aug. 18, at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. Three waves of platoons swept through the building containing the three role playing Marines during the exercise. The blue barrels of the rifles signify that the Marines are using simunition rounds, which are similar to paintball rounds.

## Alpha Company, 1/3 raids Bellows

**Story and Photos By  
Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**

*Press Chief*

**MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWWS, Hawaii** — Marines with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conducted building raids during a training evolution at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Aug. 18, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Three Marines, acting as enemy insurgents, strategically placed themselves in an abandoned building at the training site, and waited. Their fellow Marines came through the building in three waves.

"We did our best to act like insurgents," said Lance Cpl. Richard Rogers, forward observer, Alpha

Company, 1/3. "While the platoons came through each time, we would stand out in the open and keep shooting at them, which was behavior we saw from the insurgents in Iraq."

Each of the three role players used a different tactic each time Marines came through. Rogers' role was to keep shooting at the Marines until he was killed. His was a role that might not sound difficult, except for the fact that the Marines and role players were using simunition rounds — rounds that are similar to paintball rounds — to make the scenarios more realistic.

"The most difficult thing to do was stand there and take the shots," said the Cocoa Beach, Fla. native. "Sim-rounds can leave pretty big welts, depending on how close you

are when they impact."

The other two Marines tasked to act as insurgents had similar roles to play during the training. One was told to play the same role as Rogers and keep attacking and shooting until he was killed. Another was supposed to give up once the Marines cornered him, and allow himself to be captured.

With limited avenues of approach, the Marines raiding the building had the disadvantage against those acting as insurgents. But, the scenario made the training more realistic and similar to situations the Marines will face once deployed to Afghanistan.

"This training proved that the Marines need a lot more experience clearing houses," said 1st Lt. Jesse A. Wolfe, platoon commander, Weapons Platoon, Alpha Company,



Lance Cpl. Richard Rogers, forward observer, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, checks a stairwell, Aug 18, in the radio facility at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, during a raid training exercise. Rogers and two fellow Marines acted as insurgents inside the facility while three waves of platoons swept the area. The role-players created a more realistic environment for the other Marines who are preparing for the unit's upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

1/3. "We have a lot of new Marines, and the whole group is learning to work in teams, but they still have a

ways to go in the areas of consolidations after the attack and basic weapons handling."

Wolfe, a Dallas, Texas native, explained that the Marines did alright in the areas of entering and maneuvering inside the building, but training was conducted because there are always areas that need more work. The purpose of training is to work on the Marines' weaknesses and that is why they are in the field each week.

Once the Marines regrouped after the attacks, it was apparent, by the blue and orange simunition round spots on their uniforms, who would have made it out of the building alive and who would have been killed. That factor made it more realistic to the Marines, because they could put that information into perspective and imagine that those fellow Marines really were killed.

"This is more practical training," said Wolfe. "From the scenarios to the building itself, the Bellows training area is very similar to what the Marines will see, once they are in Afghanistan."

Before 1/3 deploys to again support the War on Terrorism, training operations will include a battalion field exercise as well as hot- and cold-weather training in Bridgeport and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Four Marines with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, carry out a fellow Marine who was designated as injured during a raid training exercise at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Aug. 18.





COMMENTARY

Service women have come far in the Navy

Female Marines strive for equality in Corps

**Millie Perera**  
Managing Editor

Equality Day, in my opinion, is actually a day that recognizes women and their accomplishments — not just for their civilian conquests, but for their military conquests as well.

There are those of you who know that women have been involved in combat since America has been involved in combat, so you can appreciate what I am about to tell you. You also know, if you have surfed the Net or researched historical records, that even though Women's Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and further recognizes women's continuing efforts toward full equality, that Aug. 26 means much, much more to some women.

Let's take the women of our United States Navy, for example. History tells us that, although women were given the right to vote in 1920, it was in 1917 that Loretta Perfectus Walsh became the first active-duty Navy woman. That fact, in and of itself, was certainly an act of equality — to a certain degree.

But rather than to cite historical events that are well documented, I would like to reflect upon some little-known firsts that I have witnessed — from first-hand experience.

To begin, I will have to take you back to when recruitment for Vietnam was at its peak. Young men were flocking to recruiters, much like they are now, to support a war effort. But, so too, were women. However, the women volunteers were not thought of in the same vein as their male counterparts — if thought was given to them at all.

They enlisted, went to basic training and were assigned to duty stations and given jobs within career fields that were typically “traditional” for women.

As the ‘60s gave way to the ‘70s, women in the Navy began to witness changes that would forever alter their way of life as servicewomen. For those who had joined in the ‘60s, it was permissible to marry — but not to bear children while on active duty, so for those who chose to have their children, childbirth was the end of their career in the Navy.

By the ‘70s, things had changed. The Navy was allowing its women full rights to motherhood without having to give up their military career. Soon after, the Navy began to send women to sea duty aboard noncombatants.

The mid ‘70s and early ‘80s brought even greater opportunities to Navy women. No longer restricted to holding “traditional” roles, women broke into the Navy's “nontraditional” careers. As a matter of fact, the first women chief petty officer hull maintenance technician, engineer, and boatswain's mate were assigned to Navy commands in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The ‘80s and ‘90s saw more and more women serving aboard ships and in combat, as the Gulf War took them further into the combat zones. The ‘90s took them from the Gulf to Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo. By Sept. 11,



Petty Officer 2nd Class Rick Rosser  
**Retired Senior Chief Journalist Millie (Tamberg) Perera poses for a photo at the Navy's Combat Camera facility in Norfolk, Va., where she was assigned as operations chief.**

2001, women were already serving aboard combatants, and as jet fighter pilots and commanding officers of ships.

Today women are deployed to units that are supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom — ashore and afloat.

Since the ‘60s, there have been numerous firsts for Navy women that are well documented, but what is, perhaps, a little known fact is that there are countless Navy women who served their country on a daily basis without any type of public recognition. These are daughters, girlfriends, wives, mothers and grandmothers.

Yes, grandmothers. The age that the Navy sets as a maximum for joining is 33. So, as long a woman is no older than 33, when she enlists, she can enjoy a full career that would take her out to as many years as their rank allowed. Those who joined early in life could retire after 20 or even 30 years of service at the age of 37 or 47 and go on to enjoy a second career in the civilian community. With the restriction on childbearing lifted in the ‘70s, it is perceivable that there could be a number of grandmothers in today's Navy.

Today, Navy women are at the pinnacle and enjoy the equality that they have fought for so long to achieve. They are allowed in most all nontraditional ratings, serve aboard combatants, serve in combat zones, command ships and shore facilities, serve in the highest enlisted rank and have achieved the status of flag officer.

Whether you are a civilian or a service member, today, Equality Day, think back on an earlier time in your life or career, as far back as you can recall, and ponder the question: “How many women contributed to the fight for the equality that I enjoy nowadays?”

**Gunnery Sgt. Claudia M. LaMantia**

Public Affairs Chief

The proper use of makeup and how to style your hair were part of my boot camp training 18 years ago. The day we learned that most of the platoon would become administrative clerks, we were also given a class on how to behave like ladies as we would be representing the Marine Corps. Topics for the class included sitting up straight and how to cross your legs.

My first duty station was with the “Wing,” Marine Corps Air Stations Tustin and El Toro, Calif. There, the uniform of the day was summer service Charlies for women, which meant that we had to wear skirts and pumps. We could only wear trousers when the commanding officer allowed us. During formations all women had to wear lipstick — bright red lipstick. Back then, we only ran 1 1/2 miles for our physical fitness test, and when I became pregnant I had to write my C.O. a letter asking for permission to stay in the Marine Corps.

Behavior sometimes changes so slowly that it's hard to determine when a change occurs. But, every once in awhile, something happens that is elevated to newspaper headlines, then attitudes change — quickly.

In the late ‘80s I remember seeing a female Marine walk down a hallway at Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases West, El Toro, and watch as a sergeant major leaned out of his office doorway to say, “Mmmmh-h-h, mmmh-h-h. Can I get some fries with that shake?” But comments like that were not uncommon back then. There were a number of male officers and staff noncommissioned officers who would take the liberty of expressing themselves in a similar manner.

I also witnessed some male Marines purposefully positioning themselves under a staircase whenever they knew that a female was going to go up the steps. But the most traumatic experience happened when I was just new to the Corps.

When I was a private first class, a gunnery sergeant called me into his office. He was sitting at his desk, and when I walked in, he told me to lock the door behind me. What he did then shocked me, but I was also daunted by his cockiness. I immediately left his office and ran back to mine. I've kept that story to myself for years, fearing that everyone I worked with would have implied that somehow I had asked for that to happen.

That perspective was typical, up until the 35th Annual Tailhook Symposium of 1991. At that time, the conference for naval aviators allowed some particularly unprofessional events to take place. And, it was that year that one female officer hurled some pretty serious allegations of sexual assaults against some of the pilots.

The headlines, I remember were of Navy Lt. Paula Coughlin being criticized for being a snitch, and then for exaggerating what had happened. She attended the symposium unaware of certain traditions carried out by Tailhook members. One evening she exited an elevator only to be greeted by fellow aviators waiting in the hallway. The men groped, shoved, tore her clothes, and grabbed her buttocks and breasts. She protested, but they didn't stop — at least not that night. She took her protest all the way up the chain of command

and although she met much resistance, in time, Navy officials acknowledged the wrongs. To me, by speaking out, she changed the way male service members were allowed to treat their female counterparts. There was an almost immediate re-education on how to behave with the opposite gender. Fair and equal treatment of the sexes became a constant — or it seemed that way to me.

The mindset I was used to from my past experiences made an almost instant 180-degree turn. By 1992, most male Marines would not talk to females unless they were comfortable around them. All of the sexual jokes, innuendos, gestures, looks, sayings, etc. stopped. Nothing remotely resembling sexual harassment was tolerated. The work environment became a tense place for a while.

Things were changing, and the leadership wanted to make that very clear. First, we were told while standing in formation, and then we got the word via letters and bulletins.

In 1996, I recall listening as a female lieutenant colonel, commander of a 1st Force Service Support Group unit, spoke in an interview during Women's History Month about men's conduct before and after Tailhook. She said, “The benefits of life before Tailhook is that then you knew who the enemy was.” My eyes widened, and I thought about how interesting her view was — though a bit pessimistic.

Deviant conduct was no longer allowed, but did most people still believe it was OK? As creatures of habit, I think we need repetitive hammering of ideas into our brain housing, and via different modes for a period of time.

Take the part of the Declaration of Independence, which reads: “... all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The authors couldn't have meant that literally, as the existence of slaves proved them wrong.

See LAMANTIA, A-6



Photo Courtesy of Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia  
**Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia rests in April 2004 during her second tour to Camp Fallujah in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**



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# Hawaii native awarded for saving life

**Lance Cpl. Cathryn Lindsay**  
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**CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan** — Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean T. Lennon assigned to 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal outside the 12th Marines headquarters building, Aug. 12, for saving the lives of two Marines during exercise Cobra Gold 2005 in Tak, Kingdom of Thailand in May.

Lennon, a Kailua, Hawaii native, and religious program specialist who served as a hospital corpsman for 12 years earlier in his Navy career, treated Lance Cpl. Scott D. Harkleroad, a heavy equipment operator with 12th Marines, who became a heat casualty during a weapons familiarization exercise in Tak.

“(Harkleroad) was really bad off. He was going in and out of consciousness,” Lennon recalled.

The unit’s corpsman that was on duty attempted to administer fluids intravenously into Harkleroad but couldn’t get the IV into his veins after multiple attempts, Lennon explained. Lennon, being at the right place at the right time, was able to render assistance. With prior experience as an anesthesia technician, he had a lot of experience administering IVs. He quickly applied his experience and was able to insert the IV into Harkleroad’s vein.

Lennon said the IV brought Harkleroad’s body temperature down from 103 to 98.6 degrees before he arrived to medical.

“If it wasn’t for (Lennon) I would probably be dead right now,” Harkleroad said. “He deserves these awards and more.”

Just a few days after saving Harkleroad, Lennon used his medical skills again to help out a Marine in trouble.

“I was walking by a tent and heard a Marine having respiratory distress,” Lennon explained. “The Marine was vomiting in his sleep, so I turned him over and cleared his airway.”

The vomiting Marine was sick in quarters from a head injury he had sustained, Lennon continued. After he cleared the Marine’s airway, Lennon got him further medical attention.

“(Lennon) was at the right place at the right time,” said Lt. Cmdr. Tim R. White, 12th Marines’ chaplain. “It’s not often someone gets to save two peoples’ lives in one week.”

Despite the tremendous impact he had on the lives of the two Marines, Lennon is very humble about the recognition he received in the aftermath.

“I’m proud of the awards, but I don’t feel I did more than anyone else with medical training would have done,” Lennon said. “I love working with Marines; that’s why I became an RP.”

During the awards ceremony, Lennon also received a Marine Corps Certificate of

Commendation for earning the title of 3rd Marine Division’s Senior Sailor of the Quarter for April through June.

Lennon plans to go into the medical field after finishing his career with the United States Navy.



Lance Cpl. Cathryn Lindsay

Lance Cpl. Scott D. Harkleroad, left, congratulates Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean T. Lennon, Aug. 12, after Lennon, a Kailua, Hawaii native, received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for saving Harkleroad and another Marine’s lives during exercise Cobra Gold 2005 in Tak, Kingdom of Thailand. Lennon also received a Marine Corps Certificate of Commendation at the ceremony for earning the title of 3rd Marine Division’s Senior Sailor of the Quarter for April through June.



## Session of Congress

Members of a Congressional Staff Delegation pose for a group photograph with Marines assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday, after their tour of the base and familiarization fire with the M16-A2 service rifle at the K-Bay rifle range. The staff delegation, which arrived in Hawaii on Monday, will stay until Saturday in order to complete familiarization tours of military installations on Oahu. During their tour on MCB Hawaii, staffers were provided with a command briefing, tour of the base, and familiarization fire training.

Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson

### DENTAL, From A-1

world. It was at this school that Navy dental researchers developed the dental air turbine and ultrasonic vibrating instruments, which revolutionized dentistry, worldwide.

In 1935, as clinical standards rose, Congress approved the appointment of dental officers in the ratio of one for every 500 active duty Marine and Sailor. Marked productivity, research and educational opportunities gave Navy Dentistry the reputation for excellence in the dental profession.

World War II highlighted the requirements for dental readiness, as the number of dental officers on active duty increased from 759, in December 1941, to more than 7,000 at the height of the war. During World War II, two dental officers were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor and many more gave their lives

throughout the war. Recognizing the tremendous challenges with mass combat casualties, the surgeon general mandated that all dental officers be proficient in the treatment of combat casualties. Consequently, dentists assisted in triage, sickbays and operating rooms, administered supportive therapy and provided anesthesia; roles we continue today. Ninety-three dental officers received personal awards for their heroic efforts, including the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star. In 1944, Navy Lt. Sara G. Krout became the first female dental officer in the Armed Forces.

During the Korean Conflict, 1,900 dental officers were on active duty. Fifteen of those officers earned personal commendations that included the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other medals with the Combat V. A dental technician was awarded the Navy Cross.

In the 1960s, Navy Dentistry operated from

160 shore-based facilities and aboard 156 ships. This was an era of increasingly sophisticated dental research and expanded educational opportunities. Navy Dentistry took its skills on the road and to the field, developing the ability to deploy nine mobile dental units and field X-rays in any hill and clime.

The Vietnam conflict was the first time that a Dental Company as an organization was tested in combat. In addition to caring for Marines, dental personnel participated in many civic action programs, rendering humanitarian aid to Vietnamese civilians. At the peak of the Vietnam War, there were 420 dental officers and 790 dental technicians — approximately one-fifth of the Dental Corps — deployed with Marine units.

In October 1983, the tragic bombing of Marine Headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, destroyed the battalion aid station, killing 241

Marines, the only on-scene physician, and 18 hospital corpsmen. Two Navy dental officers assigned to 24th Marine Amphibious Task Force earned Bronze Stars for their actions, saving life and limb through triage and expedient evacuation of many wounded.

During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, nearly 90 dental officers and 300 dental technicians deployed in support of the conflict.

A new threat dawned after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. At the Pentagon, five members from the Tri-Service Branch Dental Clinic rushed into the burning building to save lives, while other Navy dental personnel began initial triage and treatment of the injured.

Currently, Navy Dental Corps are again forward deployed, actively engaged in maintaining operational dental readiness in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



*USO, From A-1*

“It gets emotional, going on this tour and seeing the people who are in the fight,” he said. “It’s like when I played football — it’s all about teamwork. You all are on the same page and all have the same patriotic attitude towards your country.”

Sayers said that although it is rough going on the USO tours, because he has a business to run, he admitted that doing these appearances is well worth his time.

“I try and balance my schedule around the USO tours every year,” said Tweeden. “It’s something I look forward to doing every time the chance comes around, so I make time and put all the other stuff that’s going on in my life at the time, to the side.”

*HELO, From A-1*

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is the only base that still services the CH-53D. Although the CH-53E Super Stallion is an updated model, the CH-53D still proves to be useful in the current military operations: Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to Green, due to unknown reasons, the newer CH-53E models have been breaking down more frequently than the older Ch-53D models — the reason why squadrons here are playing a larger role in Iraq.

The CH-53D helicopters have been in service since the conflict in Vietnam and most of them were there when American forces pulled out of the country, with many having sustained damage during the conflict.

“Most of these helicopters have patches in them from the bullet holes that they received during that conflict,” said Green.

The new CH-53D flight simulator will be a mandatory training device for all Marine and Navy pilots. Official training with the simulator began Aug. 18 at 1 p.m.



The controls in the CH-53D flight simulator are the same controls that are in a fully operational CH-53D Sea Stallion. The simulator also has a motion simulator to replicate the motion a helicopter will make in flight.

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*MYERS, From A-2*

the defense ‘of all that is dear and valuable in life,’” Gen. Myers said.

The year of independence was difficult for Washington and his men. Loyalists actually outnumbered those favoring independence. The Army itself was small and ill-equipped. At one point, the Revolutionary Army only had 3,000 troops, the chairman said.

“They were freezing. They were hungry. They didn’t have adequate uniforms, boots or weapons,” he said. “But Washington told them to never lose sight of what he called ‘the goodness of their cause.’ And they didn’t, and they prevailed.”

The United States and the world “would be a very much different placed if these troops and General Washington had lost their resolve,” Gen. Myers said.

The nation has always asked a lot of service members. From the Battle of Bunker Hill in the American Revolution to the North Vietnamese siege of Khe Sanh, our troops always deliver, he said. “For this current generation it is places with names like Mazar-e Sharif (Afghanistan) and Fallujah (Iraq). And the current generation has sacrificed so much defending what is indeed good and valuable in life.”

Gen. Myers said that troops serving in battle areas understand they are involved in a noble cause and have the most fantastic attitude.

“They understand perfectly why we’ve asked them to do what they are doing,” he said. “These folks are motivated by the right things: patriotism, selflessness and a burning desire to make a difference.”

Gen. Myers told the Legionnaires the war against terror “threatens the very freedoms that our troops fought for ... in 1776.”

He said success in the war is tough to define or measure. “But one thing is vital: It’s vital for America to stay resolved, to stay committed and to be patient,” the chairman said. “Resolve, or will, is ultimately what will decide whether we defeat violent extremism or terrorism or whether we give in to them.”

The general thanked the Legion for being in the forefront of support for the troops. “I remember coming home from Vietnam ... and being advised when I got to Travis Air Force Base (Calif.) to change into civilian clothes before we went to the civilian

airport to continue our journey home,” he said. “Thirty years later, things are a little bit different.”

He spoke of an Anheuser-Busch-sponsored commercial in the Super Bowl that showcased American support for the military. Gen. Myers said the commercial showed an airport terminal that had several dozen troops coming home in their desert uniforms. “And the folks waiting in the terminal spontaneously stood up and gave them a standing ovation.”

The chairman said he is sure

Korean and Vietnam War veterans contribute to U.S. troops getting the kind of support they deserve. “You made up your minds that they would be treated the way you should have been treated,” he said. “And so, four years into this war against terrorism, ... I’m encouraged that the country’s support is still very, very strong.”

Gen. Myers said he is getting nostalgic as he has less than 40 days remaining of a 40-year career.

He said people constantly ask him what he is proudest of. He tells them

that he is proudest of what service members have accomplished over the past four years, answering the nation’s call one more time, to make the world better and the future more hopeful for millions and millions of people.

People sometimes take for granted what the military has been able to do around the world, he said. “The fact is, this required much selflessness, much sacrifice,” he said. “Many have been injured, and some have made and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

“But the people in Afghanistan and Iraq are voting. They are determining how they want to be governed for the first time. They are living free from fear and telling their children that there’s hope for the future,” the general said. “And it is all because American servicemen and women continue to fight for what is valuable in life.

“I can confidently tell you that the legacy that our troops had in 1776 — the legacy that you set, my legacy, our legacy — is in very good hands.”

*LAMANTIA, From A-4*

It was approximately 230 years ago they wrote this precious document, but it has taken time for some of these words to sink in.

For the Marine Corps, change is sometimes met with resistance, but equality is something we preach — constantly. It’s been almost 90 years since we began to include women in our workforce. Through leaps and bounds, sometimes backwards, we maintain our course.

For two decades, I’ve witnessed many changes for the better — although I never learned to style my hair, don’t consider myself lady-like, and tossed out my bright red lipstick many moons ago. But I still love to put on my uniform and wear my eagle globe and anchor — which is not gender biased.

The next thing that needs to be changed is one female Marine poster slogan that reads: “After years of fitting in, it’s time to stand out,” to make it read: “After years of standing out it’s time to fit in.”

**ELECTIONS, From A-1**

number of Afghans defied the Taliban and al Qaeda remnants in the country and voted Hamid Karzai into the presidency.

But the process does not end when Afghans cast their votes on Sept. 18. It won't be until the end of October that official results will be announced. The newly elected members of the National Assembly may not take their seats until the middle of December or even January. "The election process is not over until that parliament is seated," Lt. Gen. Eikenberry said.

The general said the coalition and Afghan soldiers have kept the pressure on the Taliban during the summer months — typically the time of combat in the country.

He said that Afghan security capacity has grown dramatically since the presidential elections and that Afghan soldiers participate in roughly 65 percent of all operations in the country.

If the Afghans and coalition do not take the fight to the enemy, the Taliban will "attack innocents," Lt. Gen. Eikenberry said. The Taliban extremists will attempt to disrupt the election by intimidating candidates, murdering poll workers and launching attacks against polling places.

He said there is probably more Taliban in the field today than last year. "The explanation can be that the Taliban leadership ... is trying to put together combinations of forces to come at this election, knowing that if they suffer a defeat in this election, that is another huge strategic setback for them in the long term," he said.

Army Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, the commander of Combined Joint Task Force 76 based in Bagram, said that between April and June, his forces had killed between 450

and 500 Taliban fighters. He said it seems as if the Taliban is trying to "thicken" its forces in the country to disrupt the election.

The coalition has responded by bringing in the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry, from Fort Bragg, N.C., this summer. This addition enables the coalition to maintain its offensive against the Taliban and disrupt them before they can attack.

Maj. Gen. Kamiya said the strategy seems to be having an effect: The Taliban fighters they are coming up against are younger and less experienced than in the past. Control issues in the organization also means the fighters are staying in larger groups. "We're fine with that," he said.

Lt. Gen. Eikenberry said coalition forces are able to range much farther and with more persistence than last year. "The reason is a more capable Afghan National Army," he said.

The general is on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. His first assignment was as head of the U.S. security coordinator and chief of the Office of Military Cooperation for a year ending in September 2003.

He said since taking over the command three months ago, he has traveled to 15 provinces in the country and spoken to more than a thousand Afghans of all ethnicities and walks of life.

"I ask if they are aware of the election. They say 'yes,'" he said. "I ask if they are going to vote, they answer in the typical Afghan way by saying, 'Why not?' And then I ask them why they will vote and they say, 'I'm going to vote because I'm tired of warfare and I should have a stake now in the future of our country.'"

He said, "Between now and the 18th of September (the enemy) can't beat that."

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